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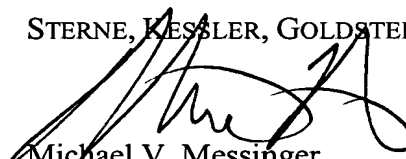
The "Amendments to the Claims" section contained herewith provides a correct status identifier for each claim. Claims 8-17, 19-20, 28-37, 39-40, 45-52, and 54-55 are labeled *withdrawn* since they have been withdrawn from consideration due to an election. Claims 1-7, 18, 21-27, 38, 41-44, and 53 are labeled *original* because they have never been amended and are currently being considered by the Examiner. Claim 56 is labeled *new* because it is sought to be added as requested in the Amendment and Reply filed on February 17, 2005. Upon entry of new claim 56, claims 1-56 are pending the application.

Based on the Amendment and Reply filed on February 17, 2005 and the corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section contained herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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